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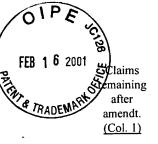
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- 2. [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- 3. [] No additional fee is required.

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- (b)[] In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- 5. [] Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4377 in the amount of \$. Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.
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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Preliminary to Examination, please amend the above-identified patent application

as follows:

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Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice and add the following claims:

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